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# Office Action Summary

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**Examiner**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 January 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/GS/US)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Applicant's claim amendments filed on 11/04/2009 have been entered. The Declaration by Toshiyoshi Fujiwara filed on 11/04/2009 has been considered.

Claims 1-3 are cancelled. Claims 4 and 8 are amended. Claims 13-21 are newly added. Claims 4-21 are pending and currently under examination.

This application 10/520,501 is a 371 of PCT/JP03/08573 filed on 07/07/2003, and claims the benefits of foreign application JAPAN 2002-198941 07/08/2002.

### ***Claim objections***

1. Claims 13-16 and 21 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 4-7 and 12 respectively. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Amended claim 4 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a local cancer area, and wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Newly added claim 13 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a cancer cell, and



wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

It is noted that “capable of replicating in a local cancer area” recited in claim 4 and “capable of replicating in a cancer cell” recited in claim 13 are inherent characteristics of the recited “polynucleotide cassette” and these limitations do not impart any structural difference of the “polynucleotide cassette” recited in claim 4 versus the “polynucleotide cassette” recited in claim 13.

***Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 4-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. *This rejection is necessitated by claim amendments filed on 11/04/2009.*

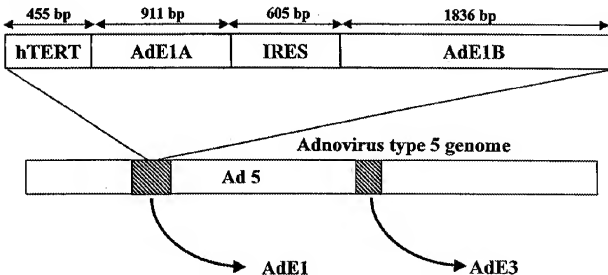
Amended claim 4 and newly added claim 13 recite the limitation “wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2”.



In the reply filed on 11/04/2009, Applicant states that “Support for these claims is found throughout the specification. For example, support for claim 13, is found in Figure 1, page 2, paragraphs [0020] - [0029]. Support for claims 14-16, is found, for example, page 2, paragraph [0037] through to page 3, paragraphs [0038]-[0043]. Support for claims 17-21, are found for example, page 3, paragraphs [0039]-[0049]”.

The specification discloses that SEQ ID No: 1 (i.e. E1A) is an 899-nucleotide long polynucleotides; SEQ ID No: 2 (i.e. E1B) is an 1823-nucleotide long polynucleotide; SEQ ID No: 3 (i.e. IRES) is a 605-nucleotide long polynucleotide; and SEQ ID No: 4 (i.e. hTERT) is a 455-nucleotide polynucleotide. Figure 1 disclosed in the specification is shown below.

**Replication cassette**



It is noted that (i) the AdE1A discloses in Figure 1 is 911 base-pair (bp) whereas SEQ ID No: 1 (i.e. E1A) disclosed in the specification is 899-nucleotide long polynucleotides; and (ii) the AdE1B discloses in Figure 1 is 1836 base-pair (bp) whereas SEQ ID No: 2 (i.e. E1B) is an 1823-nucleotide long polynucleotide. It is noted that “consists of” recited in claims 1 and 13 is a close language, which indicates E1A is exactly the sequences of SEQ ID No: 1 and E1B is exactly the



sequences of SEQ ID No: 2. The discrepancy in the length of SEQ ID No: 1 and the length of AdE1A shown in Figure 1, and the discrepancy in the length of SEQ ID No: 2 and the length of AdE1B shown in Figure 1 render claims 4 and 13 unclear regarding exactly what nucleotide sequences are included in the E1A and E1B recited in claims 4 and 13 of claimed polynucleotide cassette.

As a related issue, Applicant is advised to clarify on the record the relationship, at nucleotide level, between the following seemingly closely related, perhaps identical, viral vectors: (i) the infectious recombinant adenovirus (TRAD) disclosed in Example 1 of specification (ii) viral vector construct "OBP-301" cited on page 2 of the Declaration filed by Toshiyoshi Fujiwara filed on 11/04/2009, (iii) "Telomelysin" cited on page 3 of the Declaration filed by Toshiyoshi Fujiwara filed on 11/04/2009, and (iv) claims 6 and 15 filed on 11/04/2009.

Claims 5-12 depend from claim 4, and claims 14-21 depend from claim 13.

### ***Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Previous rejection of claims 4-8, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Morin et al.** (Morin et al., 2000, WO 00/46355, international publication date, August 10, 2000; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference No. BA) in view



of **Li et al.** (Li et al., A hepatocellular carcinoma-specific adenovirus variant, CV890, eliminates distant human liver tumors in combination with doxorubicin. *Cancer Res.* 61(17): 6428-36, 2001; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference CC), is *withdrawn* because the claims have been amended.

Amended claim 4 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a local cancer area, and wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Neither Morin et al. nor Li et al. teaches the newly added limitation “wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2”.

4. Previous rejection of claims 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Morin et al.** (Morin et al., 2000, WO 00/46355, international publication date, August 10, 2000; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference No. BA) in view of **Li et al.** (Li et al., A hepatocellular carcinoma-specific adenovirus variant, CV890, eliminates distant human liver tumors in combination with doxorubicin. *Cancer Res.* 61(17): 6428-36, 2001; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference CC) as applied to claims 4-8, 11 and 12 above, and further in view of **Cheng et al.** (Cheng et al., U.S. patent application No. 2003/0104625, publication date, June 5, 2003; filed Feb. 22, 2002;



this reference is cited in the office action dated 06/19/2007) is *withdrawn* because the claims have been amended.

Amended claim 4 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a local cancer area, and wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

None of Morin et al., Li et al., and Cheng teaches the newly added limitation “wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2”.

5. Previous rejection of claims 4-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Morin et al.** (Morin et al., 2000, WO 00/46355, international publication date, August 10, 2000; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference No. BA) in view of **Yu et al.** (US 6,692,736, issued on 02/17/2004, filed on 03/21/2001), is *withdrawn* because the claims have been amended.

Amended claim 4 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a local cancer area, and wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A



gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Neither Morin et al. nor Yu et al., and Cheng teaches the newly added limitation “wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2”.

*The following 103 rejections are necessitated by claim amendments filed on 11/04/2009. It is noted that Applicant's arguments regarding newly added limitation reciting SEQ ID numbers 1-4 in amended claims 4 and 13 are addressed as the related to the new grounds of rejections set forth below.*

6. Claims 4-8, 11-17, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Morin et al.** (Morin et al., 2000, WO 00/46355, international publication date, August 10, 2000; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference No. BA) in view of **Li et al.** (Li et al., A hepatocellular carcinoma-specific adenovirus variant, CV890, eliminates distant human liver tumors in combination with doxorubicin. *Cancer Res.* 61(17): 6428-36, 2001; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference CC), **Stuart et al.** (WO 2002/20754, international publication date 03/14/2002), **Nemerow et al.** (WO 2000/42208, international publication date 07/20/2000), **Arya** (WO 2000/40741, international



publication date 07/13/2000), and **Hagen et al.** (WO 1999/33998, international publication date 07/08/1999). *This rejection is necessitated by claim amendments filed on 11/04/2009.*

It is noted that Stuart et al. (WO 2002/20754, 686 pages), Nemerow et al. (WO 2000/42208, 212 pages), Arya (WO 2000/40741, 144 pages), and Hagen et al. (WO 1999/33998, 100 pages) are relied on, respectively, for the disclosure of SEQ D No: 1, SEQ D No: 2, SEQ ID No: 3, and SEQ ID No: 4 of instant application. Only cover pages from each of these four references are included along with this office action. The sequence alignments are provided below in this office action.

Amended claim 4 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a local cancer area, and wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Amended claim 8 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A method of killing cancer cells, comprising the step of: locally administering an effective amount of the recombinant virus according to claim 5 to a patient in need thereof, such that the recombinant virus is capable of replicating in a local cancer area of the patient, and wherein replication of the recombinant virus kills the cancer cell in the local cancer area.

Newly added claim 13 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a cancer cell, and wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the



nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Newly added claim 17 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A method of killing cancer cells, comprising the step of: administering an effective amount of the recombinant virus according to claim 14 to a patient in need thereof, such that the recombinant virus is capable of replicating in a cancer cell of the patient, and wherein replication of the recombinant virus kills the cancer cell.

Morin et al. (2000) discloses use of the hTERT promoter to selectively direct expression in cancer cells. More specifically, Morin et al., 2000 teaches oncolytic viruses, in which a toxin or a genetic element essential for viral replication is placed under control of the TERT promoter. Thereby, the virus that replicates preferentially in cells expressing TERT, and thereby selectively lyses cancer cells (See *in vitro* Example 4 on transfected human cell lines, pages 35-36, and *in situ* Example 3 on transplanted human tumor 143B cells on nude mice, page 35, Morin et al., 2000).

While Morin et al. does not teach an adenovirus with IRES inserted between E1A and E1B in an adenovirus, as recited in claims 4 and 13 of instant application, operably linked to the hTERT promoter, **Li et al.** teaches an adenoviral construct comprising promoter AFP ( $\alpha$ -Fetoprotein, a hepatocyte specific promoter) operably linked to **E1A-IRES-E1B** to cause efficient replication and destruction of human hepatocarcinoma cells transplanted on a mouse. Furthermore, Li et al. teaches intratumoral injection [which reads on “locally administering an effective amount of the recombinant virus” in “a local cancer area” recited in claim 8 and “administering an effective amount of the recombinant virus” recited in newly added claim 17 filed on 11/04/2009] of the adenoviral construct (See line 4, left column of page 6430, Li et al.).



While Morin et al. do not teach “wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2” recited in claims 4 and 13, **Stuart et al.** (WO 2002/20754) teaches sequences that matches 100% to SEQ ID NO:1 of instant application, **Nemerow** (WO 2000/42208) teaches sequences that match 100% to SEQ ID No:2 of instant application, **Arya** (WO 2000/40741) teaches sequences that match 100% to SEQ ID No:3 of instant application, and **Hagen et al.** (WO 1999/33998) teaches sequences that match 100% to SEQ ID No: 4 of instant application. The sequence alignments of SEQ ID No: 1-4 of instant application to the sequences disclosed in the respective prior arts are provided below.

SEQ ID No: 1 (E1A gene)

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RESULT 8
ABK71579
ID   ABK71579 standard; cDNA; 1247 BP.
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AC   ABK71579;
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DT   30-JUL-2002 (first entry)
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DE   Human dithp polynucleotide #45.
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KW   Human; dithp; diagnostic and therapeutic polynucleotide; gene; ss; bone;
KW   cell proliferative disorder; cancer; tumour; autoimmune disorder; brain;
KW   inflammatory disorder; viral infection; bacterial infection; seizure;
KW   fungal infection; parasitic infections; developmental disorder; breast;
KW   endocrine disorder; metabolic disorder; neurological disorder; cervix;
KW   gastrointestinal disorder; transport disorder; gene therapy; kidney;
KW   adrenal gland; bone marrow; lung; ovary; pancreas; prostate; spleen;
KW   skin; testis; thymus.
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OS   Homo sapiens.
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PN   WO200220754-A2.
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PD   14-MAR-2002.
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PF   29-AUG-2001; 2001WO-US027127.
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PR   05-SEP-2000; 2000US-0229747P.
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 PI Gerstin EH, Peralta CH, David MH, Panzer SR, Flores V, Daffo A;  
 PI Marwaha R, Chen AJ, Chang SC, Au AP, Inman RR;

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DR WPI; 2002-383054/41.

DR F-PSDB; ABG59987.

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FT An isolated polynucleotide useful in diagnostics and therapeutics.

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PS Claim 1; Page 427-428; 686pp; English.

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CC The invention relates to human diagnostic and therapeutic (dithp)  
 CC polynucleotides and their associated polypeptides (DITHP polypeptides).  
 CC The sequences of the invention are used in the treatment and diagnosis of  
 CC cell proliferative disorders (e.g. atherosclerosis, cirrhosis), cancers  
 CC (e.g. tumours of the adrenal gland, bone, bone marrow, brain, breast,  
 CC cervix, kidney, lung, ovary, pancreas, prostate, skin, spleen, testis or  
 CC thymus), autoimmune/inflammatory disorders (e.g. asthma, bronchitis,  
 CC psoriasis, osteoporosis), viral infections, bacterial infections, fungal  
 CC infections, parasitic infections, developmental disorders (e.g. anaemia,  
 CC epilepsy), seizure disorders (e.g. cerebral palsy, spina bifida),  
 CC endocrine disorders (e.g. thrombosis, aneurysm), metabolic disorders  
 CC (e.g. obesity, diabetes), neurological disorders (e.g. stroke,  
 CC amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis), gastrointestinal  
 CC disorders (e.g. ulcerative colitis, lysinuria) and transport disorders  
 CC (e.g. myotonic dystrophy, catatonia, peripheral neuropathy). Sequences  
 CC ABK71535-ABK71809 represent human dithp polynucleotides of the invention

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SQ Sequence 1247 BP; 270 A; 308 C; 344 G; 325 T; 0 U; 0 Other;

Query Match 100.0%; Score 899; DB 1; Length 1247;  
 Best Local Similarity 100.0%;  
 Matches 899; Conservative 0; Mismatches 0; Indels 0; Gaps 0;

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Qy 421 GATGAAGAGGGTGAGGAGTTTGTGTTAGATTATGTGGAGCACCCGGGCACGGTTGCAGG 480  
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Qy 481 TCTTGTCAATATCACCGGAGGAATACGGGGGACCCAGATATTATGTGTTTCGCTTTGCTAT 540  
Db 762 TCTTGTCAATATCACCGGAGGAATACGGGGGACCCAGATATTATGTGTTTCGCTTTGCTAT 821  
Qy 541 ATGAGGACCTGTGGCATGTTTGTCTACAGTCTGTGTCTGAACCTGAGCCTGAGCCCGAG 600  
Db 822 ATGAGGACCTGTGGCATGTTTGTCTACAGTCTGTGTCTGAACCTGAGCCTGAGCCCGAG 881  
Qy 601 CCAGAACCGGAGCCTGCAAGACCTACCCGCCGTCTCTAAATGGCGCTGCTATCTCTGAGA 660  
Db 882 CCAGAACCGGAGCCTGCAAGACCTACCCGCCGTCTCTAAATGGCGCTGCTATCTCTGAGA 941  
Qy 661 CGCCGACATCACCTGTGTCTAGAGAATGCAATAGTAGTAGCAGGATAGCTGTGACTCCGGT 720  
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SEQ ID NO: 2 (E1B gene)

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RESULT 15
AAA59076
ID   AAA59076 standard; DNA; 7607 BP.
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AC   AAA59076;
XX
DT   07-NOV-2000 (first entry)
XX
DE   Nucleotide sequence of plasmid GRE5-El-SV40-Hygro.
XX
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KW   ss.
XX
OS   Synthetic.
XX
PN   WO200042208-A1.
XX
PD   20-JUL-2000.
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PF   14-JAN-2000; 2000WO-EP000265.
XX
PR   14-JAN-1999; 99US-0115920P.
XX
PA   (HOVS ) NOVARTIS AG.
PA   (HOVS ) NOVARTIS-ERFINDUNGEN VERW GES MBH.
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XX
PI   Nemerow GR, Von Seggern DJ, Hallenbeck PL, Stevenson SC;
PI   Skripchenko Y;
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DR   WPI; 2000-476068/41.
XX
PT   New nucleic acid comprising an adenovirus tripartite leader nucleotide
PT   for producing high-capacity and targeted vectors for adenovirus-based
PT   gene therapy.
XX
PS   Example 6; Page 190-192; 212pp; English.
XX
CC   The specification describes a nucleic acid molecule comprising an
CC   adenovirus (AV) tripartite leader (TPL) nucleotide with a sequence
CC   comprising two different TPL exons or three same or different TPL exons.
CC   The nucleic acid is used to produce an adenovirus vector particle,
CC   deliver an exogenous gene to a target cell, pseudotype recombinant viral
CC   vectors, target an adenovirus vector to a cell, produce a modified
CC   adenovirus, deliver a heterologous gene to an animal and produce a
CC   gutless adenoviral vector particle. The present sequence represents
CC   plasmid GRE5-El-SV40-Hygro, which is used in the course of the invention
XX
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Best Local Similarity 100.0%;
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Qy	181	GTGGTGAGCTGTTTGATTCTTTGAATCTGGGTCAACAGGCGCTTTTCAAGAGAAGGTCA	240
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Qy	781	GCTGACCACTTACTGGCTGCAGCCAGGGGATGATTTTGGAGGCTATTAGGGTATATGC	840
Db	2903	GCTGACCACTTACTGGCTGCAGCCAGGGGATGATTTTGGAGGCTATTAGGGTATATGC	2962
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SEQ ID NO:3 (IRES sequences)

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AC AAC81948;  
XX  
DT 28-FEB-2001 (first entry)  
XX  
DE Backbone transfer vector pSGT5(SDM/RRE1/CM) IRES and puromycin DNA.  
XX  
KW Encapsidation; transfer vector; nephrotropic; antiparkinsonian; anti-HIV;  
KW cytostatic; gene therapy; transgenic; retroviral packaging;  
KW gene delivery; Parkinson's disease; infectious diseases; cancer; ds.  
XX  
OS Synthetic.  
XX  
XX **WO200040741-A2.**  
FN  
PD 13-JUL-2000.  
XX  
PF 06-JAN-2000; 2000WO-US000390.  
XX  
PR 07-JAN-1999; 99US-0115247P.  
XX  
PA (USSH ) US DEPT HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES.  
XX  
PI Arya SK;  
XX  
DR WPI; 2000-475836/41.  
XX  
PT New lentivirus transfer vector, functionally deleted for a splice donor  
PT site and comprising a packaging signal and transgene operably linked to a  
PT promoter, for improving encapsidation or transgene RNA and for gene  
PT therapy.  
XX  
PS Example 1; Page 143; 143pp; English.  
XX  
CC This invention describes a novel transfer vector derived from a  
CC lentivirus, functionally deleted for a splice donor site (SD), and  
CC comprising a packaging signal and transgene operably linked to a  
CC promoter. The products of the invention have nephrotropic,  
CC antiparkinsonian, anti-HIV, and cytostatic activity and can be used for  
CC gene therapy. Encapsidation of transgene RNA is improved using the new  
CC retroviral packaging and transfer vectors. The new transfer and packaging  
CC vectors are used as gene delivery agents and allows transfer of a  
CC transgene into the genome of non-dividing cells. They can be used to  
CC create a high-efficiency packaging cell line that provides greatly  
CC enhanced packaging of foreign DNA. Individuals suffering from a  
CC deficiency in alpha-galactosidase expression, such as Fabry disease can  
CC be treated by delivering the vectors to cells in vitro or in vivo.  
CC Parkinson's disease, infectious diseases, such as acquired  
CC immunodeficiency syndrome and cancers can be treated with the vectors.  
CC The non-infective packaging vectors can be used to detect wild-type HIV  
CC in biological samples using southern or northern blot assays. The  
CC packaging of the vector RNA is maximised, without an increase in the



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CC packaging of the viral RNA. Deletion of sequences upstream and downstream  
 CC of the 5' SD region of the HIV-2 packaging vector results in suppressed  
 CC encapsidation of the packaging vector genomes without critical loss of  
 CC gene expression. Functional deletion of the SD site of the transfer  
 CC vector results in enhanced encapsidation of the transfer vector's genome.  
 CC HIV-2 packaging vector specifically and faithfully packages its own  
 CC optimally constructed transfer vector and gives better quality and titre  
 CC of vector than HIV-1

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Qy	301	CCCCACCTGGCGACAGGTGCTCTGCGGCCAAAAGCCACGTGTATAAGATACACCTGCA	360
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Qy	421	CTCTCCTCAAGCGTATTCAACAAGGGGCTGAAGGATGCCAGAGGTACCCCATTTGTATG	480
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Qy	481	GGATCTGATCTGGGGCTCGGTGCACATGCTTTACATGTGTTTAGTCGAGGTTAAAAAAA	540
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## SEQ ID No:4 (hTERT promoter)

RESULT 9  
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 VERSION AX003120.1 GI:9926982  
 KEYWORDS .  
 SOURCE Homo sapiens (human)  
 ORGANISM Homo sapiens  
 Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Euteleostomi;  
 Mammalia; Eutheria; Euarchontoglires; Primates; Haplorrhini;  
 Catarrhini; Hominidae; Homo.  
 REFERENCE 1  
 AUTHORS Wick, M. and Hagen, G.  
 TITLE Regulatory dna sequences of the human catalytic telomerase sub-unit  
 gene, diagnostic and therapeutic use thereof  
 JOURNAL Patent: **WO 9933998-A 1** 08-JUL-1999;  
 WICK MARESA (DE); BAYER AG (DE)  
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Qy      61  CTCGCTGGCGTCCCTGCACCTGGGAGCGGAGCGGCGCGGGCGGGGAGAGCGCGGCC 120
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Db      4729 CTCGCTGGCGTCCCTGCACCTGGGAGCGGAGCGGCGCGGGCGGGGAGAGCGCGGCC 4788

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Qy      421  GCACGTGGGAAGCCCTGGCCCCGGCCACCCCGCG 455
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Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of Morin et al., with the teachings of Li et al. to arrive at the claimed vector and methods for killing cancer cells, with reasonable expectation of success by substituting AFP promoter taught by Li et al. with hTERT promoter taught by Morin et al. The sequences of E1A gene (SEQ ID No:1), E1B gene (SEQ ID No:2), IRES sequence (SEQ ID No:3), and hTERT promoter (SEQ ID NO:4) are well known in the art and can be obtained from the sequences disclosed by Stuart et al. (WO 2002/20754), Nemerow et al. (WO 2000/42208), Arya (WO 2000/40741), and Hagen et al. (WO 1999/33998) via PCR cloning taught by Morin et al. (See pages 12-14, Morin et al., 2000).

The Examiner would like to direct Applicant's attention to recent decision by U.S. Supreme Court in *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex, Inc.* that forecloses the argument that a **specific** teaching, suggestion, or motivation is an absolute requirement to support a finding of obviousness. See recent Board decision *Ex parte Smith*, --USPQ2d--, slip op. at 20, (Bd. Pat. App. & Interf. June 25, 2007) (citing KSR, 82 USPQ2d at 1936) (available at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/bpai/prec/fd071925.pdf>). The Examiner notes that in the instant case, even in the absence of recent decision by U.S. Supreme Court in *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex, Inc.*, the suggestion and motivation to combine Morin et al., Li et al., Stuart et al., Nemerow et al., Arya, and Hagen et al. have been clearly set forth above in this office action.



7. Claims 9, 10, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Morin et al.** (Morin et al., 2000, WO 00/46355, international publication date, August 10, 2000; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference No. BA) in view of **Li et al.** (Li et al., A hepatocellular carcinoma-specific adenovirus variant, CV890, eliminates distant human liver tumors in combination with doxorubicin. *Cancer Res.* 61(17): 6428-36, 2001; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference CC), **Stuart et al.** (WO 2002/20754, international publication date 03/14/2002), **Nemerow et al.** (WO 2000/42208, international publication date 07/20/2000), **Arya** (WO 2000/40741, international publication date 07/13/2000), and **Hagen et al.** (WO 1999/33998, international publication date 07/08/1999) as applied to claims 4-8, 11-17, 20, and 21 above, and further in view of **Cheng et al.** (Cheng et al., U.S. patent application No. 2003/0104625, publication date, June 5, 2003; filed Feb. 22, 2002; this reference is cited in the office action dated 06/19/2007). *This rejection is necessitated by claim amendments filed on 11/04/2009.*

The teachings Morin et al., Li et al., Stuart et al., Nemerow et al., Arya, and Hagen et al. have been discussed in the preceding section of the rejection of claims 4-8, 11-17, 20, and 21 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morin et al. in view of Li et al.

None of Morin et al. and either Li et al. teaches various cancer recited in claims 9 and 18, and osteosarcoma and brain tumor recited in claims 10 and 19 of instant application.

However, at the time of filing of instant application, treating a type of cancer cell *in vivo* using adenovirus as an anticancer agent (claims 9, 10, 18, and 19 of instant applicant) was



known in the art. For instant, Cheng et al. teach tumor and normal tissues, including liver, kidney, lung, bone marrow, brain, spleen, and ovary, were collected from various experimental mice groups, which was administered with adenoviral vector (See paragraph [0570], Cheng et al., 2003).

Therefore, it would have been *prima facie* obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Cheng et al. regarding treating various cancer cells using adenovirus as an anticancer with the combined teachings of Morin et al., Li et al., Stuart et al., Nemerow et al., Arya, and Hagen et al. regarding administration of polynucleotide comprising E1A-IRES-E1B cassette expressed under the control of hTERT promoter for lysis of cancer cells to arrive at the method of killing brain cancer cells *in vitro* comprising the step of administering recombinant virus comprising polynucleotide E1A-IRES-E1B cassette expressed via the control of hTERT promoter, as recited in claims 9 and 10 of instant application.

One having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to incorporate the teachings of Cheng et al. regarding treating various cancer cells with adenovirus with the combined teachings of Morin et al., Li et al., Stuart et al., Nemerow et al., Arya, and Hagen et al. regarding administration of polynucleotide comprising E1A-IRES-E1B cassette expressed via the control of hTERT promoter for killing cancer cells because Morin et al teaches the activity of hTERT promoter is highly specific for cancer cells, which includes brain cancer cells taught by Change et al.

There would have been a reasonable expectation of success given (i) successful demonstration of expression of E1A-IRES-E1B cassette under both transcriptional control of



human TERT promoter, by the teachings of Morin et al, and translational control, by the teachings of Li et al. for killing cancer cells via intratumoral administration, and F1A gene, E1B gene, IRES, and hTERT promoter sequences disclosed by Stuart et al., Nemerow et al., Arya, and Hagen et al. respectively, and (ii) the demonstration of hTERT promoter control the transcription of adenovirus E4 gene by Cheng et al. (See Figure 49, Change et al.)

Thus, the claimed invention as a whole was clearly *prima facie* obvious.

8. Claims 4-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Morin et al.** (Morin et al., 2000, WO 00/46355, international publication date, August 10, 2000; this reference is disclosed in IDS filed on 04/25/2006, listed as reference No. BA) in view of **Yu et al.** (US 6,692,736, issued on 02/17/2004, filed on 03/21/2001) **Stuart et al.** (WO 2002/20754, international publication date 03/14/2002), **Nemerow et al.** (WO 2000/42208, international publication date 07/20/2000), **Arya** (WO 2000/40741, international publication date 07/13/2000), and **Hagen et al.** (WO 1999/33998, international publication date 07/08/1999). *This rejection is necessitated by claim amendments filed on 11/04/2009.*

It is noted that Stuart et al. (WO 2002/20754, 686 pages), Nemerow et al. (WO 2000/42208, 212 pages), Arya (WO 2000/40741, 144 pages), and Hagen et al. (WO 1999/33998, 100 pages) are relied on respectively for the disclosure of SEQ D No: 1, SEQ D No: 2, SEQ ID No: 3, and SEQ ID No: 4 of instant application. Only cover pages from each of these four references are included along with this office action. The sequence alignments are provided below in this office action.



Amended claim 4 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a local cancer area, and wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Amended claim 8 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A method of killing cancer cells, comprising the step of: locally administering an effective amount of the recombinant virus according to claim 5 to a patient in need thereof, such that the recombinant virus is capable of replicating in a local cancer area of the patient, and wherein replication of the recombinant virus kills the cancer cell in the local cancer area.

Newly added claim 13 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a cancer cell, and wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Newly added claim 17 filed on 11/04/2009 reads as follows: A method of killing cancer cells, comprising the step of: administering an effective amount of the recombinant virus according to claim 14 to a patient in need thereof, such that the recombinant virus is capable of replicating in a cancer cell of the patient, and wherein replication of the recombinant virus kills the cancer cell.

Morin et al. (2000) discloses use of the hTERT promoter to selectively direct expression in cancer cells. More specifically, Morin et al., 2000 taught oncolytic viruses, in which a toxin or a genetic element essential for viral replication is placed under control of the TERT promoter. Thereby, the virus that replicates preferentially in cells expressing TERT, and thereby selectively



lyses cancer cells (See *in vitro* Example 4 on transfected human cell lines, pages 35-36, and *in situ* Example 3 on transplanted human tumor 143B cells on nude mice, page 35, Morin et al., 2000).

While Morin et al. does not teach an adenovirus with IRES inserted between E1A and E1B in an adenovirus to be administered and replicated locally as recited in claims 4 and 8 of instant application, operably linked to the hTERT promoter, **Yu et al.** teaches cell-specific adenovirus vector comprising target cell-specific TRE (transcriptional regulatory element) operably linked to E1A-IRES-E1B and intratumoral administration of the adenoviral vector, whose replication leads destruction of xenografts of cancer cells grown in a mouse (See Figures 1 and 2, lines 12-16 of column 61, lines 8-17 of column 63, Yu et al.).

With regard to cancer recited in claims 9, 10, 18, and 19, Yu et al. teaches hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) cells, gonadal and other germ cell tumors (especially endodermal sinus tumors), brain tumor cells, ovarian tumor cells, acinar cell carcinoma of the pancreas, primary gall bladder tumor, uterine endometrial adenocarcinoma, and any metastases of the foregoing (which can occur in lung, adrenal gland, bone marrow, and/or spleen). Yu et al teaches that in some cases, metastatic disease to the liver from certain pancreatic and stomach cancers produce AFP, especially preferred as target cells for an AFP-TRE are hepatocellular carcinoma cells and any of their metastases (See bridging paragraph of columns 27-28, Yu et al.).

While Morin et al. do not teach “wherein the hTERT promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, the E1A gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, the IRES sequence consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, and the E1B gene consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2” recited in claims 4 and 13, **Stuart et al.**



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(WO 2002/20754) teaches sequences matches 100% to SEQ ID NO:1 of instant application,

**Nemerow** (WO 2000/42208) teaches sequences match 100% to SEQ ID No:2 of instant

application, **Arya** (WO 2000/40741) teaches sequences match 100% to SEQ ID No:3 of instant

application, and Hagen et al. (WO 1999/33998) teaches sequences match 100% to SEQ ID No: 4

of instant application. The sequence alignments of SEQ ID No: 1-4 of instant application to the sequences disclosed in the respective prior arts are provided below.

#### SEQ ID No: 1 (E1A gene)

RESULT 8

ABK71579

ID ABK71579 standard; cDNA; 1247 BP.

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AC ABK71579;

XX

DT 30-JUL-2002 (first entry)

XX

DE Human dithp polynucleotide #45.

XX

KW Human; dithp; diagnostic and therapeutic polynucleotide; gene; ss; bone;

KW cell proliferative disorder; cancer; tumour; autoimmune disorder; brain;

KW inflammatory disorder; viral infection; bacterial infection; seizure;

KW fungal infection; parasitic infections; developmental disorder; breast;

KW endocrine disorder; metabolic disorder; neurological disorder; cervix;

KW gastrointestinal disorder; transport disorder; gene therapy; kidney;

KW adrenal gland; bone marrow; lung; ovary; pancreas; prostate; spleen;

KW skin; testis; thymus.

XX

OS Homo sapiens.

XX

PN WO200220754-A2.

XX

PD 14-MAR-2002.

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PF 29-AUG-2001; 2001WO-US027127.

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PR 05-SEP-2000; 2000US-0229747P.

PR 05-SEP-2000; 2000US-0229748P.

PR 05-SEP-2000; 2000US-0229749P.

PR 05-SEP-2000; 2000US-0229750P.

PR 05-SEP-2000; 2000US-0229751P.

PR 05-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230583P.

PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230505P.

PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230514P.

PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230515P.

PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230517P.

PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230518P.

PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230519P.

PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230595P.



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PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230597P.  
 PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230598P.  
 PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230599P.  
 PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230610P.  
 PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230865P.  
 PR 06-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230988P.  
 PR 07-SEP-2000; 2000US-0230951P.  
 PR 07-SEP-2000; 2000US-0231163P.  
 PR 07-SEP-2000; 2000US-0231167P.

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 PI Momiyama MG, Bradley DL, Rohatgi SD, Harris B, Roseberry AM;  
 PI Gerstin EH, Feralta CH, David MH, Panzer SR, Flores V, Daffo A;  
 PI Marwaha R, Chen AJ, Chang SC, Au AP, Inman RR;

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DR WPI; 2002-383054/41.

DR P-PSDB; ABG59987.

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PT An isolated polynucleotide useful in diagnostics and therapeutics.

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PS Claim 1; Page 427-428; 686pp; English.

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CC The invention relates to human diagnostic and therapeutic (dithp)  
 CC polynucleotides and their associated polypeptides (DITHP polypeptides).  
 CC The sequences of the invention are used in the treatment and diagnosis of  
 CC cell proliferative disorders (e.g. atherosclerosis, cirrhosis), cancers  
 CC (e.g. tumours of the adrenal gland, bone, bone marrow, brain, breast,  
 CC cervix, kidney, lung, ovary, pancreas, prostate, skin, spleen, testis or  
 CC thymus), autoimmune/inflammatory disorders (e.g. asthma, bronchitis,  
 CC psoriasis, osteoporosis), viral infections, bacterial infections, fungal  
 CC infections, parasitic infections, developmental disorders (e.g. anaemia,  
 CC epilepsy), seizure disorders (e.g. cerebral palsy, spina bifida),  
 CC endocrine disorders (e.g. thrombosis, aneurysm), metabolic disorders  
 CC (e.g. obesity, diabetes), neurological disorders (e.g. stroke,  
 CC amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis), gastrointestinal  
 CC disorders (e.g. ulcerative colitis, lysinuria) and transport disorders  
 CC (e.g. myotonic dystrophy, catatonia, peripheral neuropathy). Sequences  
 CC ABK71535-ABK71809 represent human dithp polynucleotides of the invention

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SQ Sequence 1247 BP; 270 A; 308 C; 344 G; 325 T; 0 U; 0 Other;

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Query Match 100.0%; Score 899; DB 1; Length 1247;  
 Best Local Similarity 100.0%;  
 Matches 899; Conservative 0; Mismatches 0; Indels 0; Gaps 0;

Qy 1 ACACCGGGACTGAAATGAGACATATTATCTGCCACGGAGGTGTTATTACCGAAGAAATG 60  
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 Db 282 ACACCGGGACTGAAATGAGACATATTATCTGCCACGGAGGTGTTATTACCGAAGAAATG 341

Qy 61 GCCCGCAGCTCTTTGGACACAGCTGATCGAAGAGGTACTGGCTGATAATCTTCCACCTCCT 120  
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 Db 342 GCCCGCAGCTCTTTGGACACAGCTGATCGAAGAGGTACTGGCTGATAATCTTCCACCTCCT 401

Qy 121 AGCCATTTTGAACCACTACCTTCACGAAGTGTATGATTAGACGTGACGCCGCCCGGAA 180  
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 Db 402 AGCCATTTTGAACCACTACCTTCACGAAGTGTATGATTAGACGTGACGCCGCCCGGAA 461



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Qy	181	GATCCCAACGAGGAGGCGGTTTCGCAGATTTTCCCGACTCTGTAATGTTGGCGGTGCAG	240
Db	462	GATCCCAACGAGGAGGCGGTTTCGCAGATTTTCCCGACTCTGTAATGTTGGCGGTGCAG	521
Qy	241	GAAGGGATTGACTTACTCACTTTTCGCGCGCGCCGGTTCTCCGGAGCGCGCTCACCTT	300
Db	522	GAAGGGATTGACTTACTCACTTTTCGCGCGCGCCGGTTCTCCGGAGCGCGCTCACCTT	581
Qy	301	TCCCGGCAAGCGGAGCAGCGGAGCAGAGAGCCTTGGGTCCGGTTTCTATGCCAAACCTT	360
Db	582	TCCCGGCAAGCGGAGCAGCGGAGCAGAGAGCCTTGGGTCCGGTTTCTATGCCAAACCTT	641
Qy	361	GTACCGGAGGTGATCGATCTTACCTGCCACGAGGCTGGCTTTCACCCAGTGACGACGAG	420
Db	642	GTACCGGAGGTGATCGATCTTACCTGCCACGAGGCTGGCTTTCACCCAGTGACGACGAG	701
Qy	421	GATGAAGAGGGTGAGGAGTTTGTGTTAGATTATGTGGAGCACCCCGGCGACGGTTGCAGG	480
Db	702	GATGAAGAGGGTGAGGAGTTTGTGTTAGATTATGTGGAGCACCCCGGCGACGGTTGCAGG	761
Qy	481	TCTTGTCAATTATCACCGGAGGAATACGGGGGACCCAGATATTATGTGTTTCGCTTTGCTAT	540
Db	762	TCTTGTCAATTATCACCGGAGGAATACGGGGGACCCAGATATTATGTGTTTCGCTTTGCTAT	821
Qy	541	ATGAGGACCTGTGGCATGTTTGTCTACAGTCTGTGCTGAACCTGAGCCTGAGCCCGAG	600
Db	822	ATGAGGACCTGTGGCATGTTTGTCTACAGTCTGTGCTGAACCTGAGCCTGAGCCCGAG	881
Qy	601	CCAGAACCGGAGCCTGCAAGACCTACCCGCGCTCTAAATGGCGCCTGCTATCCTGAGA	660
Db	882	CCAGAACCGGAGCCTGCAAGACCTACCCGCGCTCTAAATGGCGCCTGCTATCCTGAGA	941
Qy	661	CGCCCGACATCACCTGTGTCTAGAGAATGCAATAGTAGTACGGATAGCTGTGACTCCGGT	720
Db	942	CGCCCGACATCACCTGTGTCTAGAGAATGCAATAGTAGTACGGATAGCTGTGACTCCGGT	1001
Qy	721	CCTTCTAACACACCTCCTGAGATACACCCGGTGGTCCCGCTGTGCCCCATTAAACAGTT	780
Db	1002	CCTTCTAACACACCTCCTGAGATACACCCGGTGGTCCCGCTGTGCCCCATTAAACAGTT	1061
Qy	781	GCCGTGAGAGTTGGTGGGCGTCCGAGGCTGTGGAATGTATCGAGGACTTGCTTAACGAG	840
Db	1062	GCCGTGAGAGTTGGTGGGCGTCCGAGGCTGTGGAATGTATCGAGGACTTGCTTAACGAG	1121
Qy	841	CCTGGGCAACCTTTGGACTTGAGCTGTAACGCCCCAGGCCATAAGGTGTAACCTGTG	899
Db	1122	CCTGGGCAACCTTTGGACTTGAGCTGTAACGCCCCAGGCCATAAGGTGTAACCTGTG	1180

## SEQ ID NO: 2 (ElB gene)

RESULT 15

AAA59076

ID AAA59076 standard; DNA; 7607 BP.

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AAA59076;

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DT

07-NOV-2000 (first entry)

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DE

Nucleotide sequence of plasmid GRE5-El-SV40-Hygro.



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XX  
 KW Adenovirus; tripartite leader; adenovirus vector particle; gene delivery;  
 KW ss.  
 XX  
 OS Synthetic.  
 XX  
 PN WO200042208-A1.  
 XX  
 PD 20-JUL-2000.  
 XX  
 PF 14-JAN-2000; 2000WO-EP000265.  
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 PR 14-JAN-1999; 99US-0115920P.  
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 PA (NOVS ) NOVARTIS AG.  
 PA (NOVS ) NOVARTIS-ERFINDUNGEN VERW GES MBH.  
 PA (SCRI ) SCRIPPS RES INST.  
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 PI Nemerow GR, Von Seggern DJ, Hallenbeck PL, Stevenson SC;  
 PI Skripchenko Y;  
 XX  
 DR WPI; 2000-476068/41.  
 XX  
 PT New nucleic acid comprising an adenovirus tripartite leader nucleotide  
 PT for producing high-capacity and targeted vectors for adenovirus-based  
 PT gene therapy.  
 XX  
 PS Example 6; Page 190-192; 212pp; English.  
 XX  
 CC The specification describes a nucleic acid molecule comprising an  
 CC adenovirus (AV) tripartite leader (TPL) nucleotide with a sequence  
 CC comprising two different TPL exons or three same or different TPL exons.  
 CC The nucleic acid is used to produce an adenovirus vector particle,  
 CC deliver an exogenous gene to a target cell, pseudotype recombinant viral  
 CC vectors, target an adenovirus vector to a cell, produce a modified  
 CC adenovirus, deliver a heterologous gene to an animal and produce a  
 CC gutless adenoviral vector particle. The present sequence represents  
 CC plasmid GRE5-El-SV40-Hygro, which is used in the course of the invention  
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 SQ Sequence 7607 BP; 1838 A; 1733 C; 2001 G; 2035 T; 0 U; 0 Other;

Query Match 100.0%; Score 1823; DB 1; Length 7607;  
 Best Local Similarity 100.0%;  
 Matches 1823; Conservative 0; Mismatches 0; Indels 0; Gaps 0;

Qy 1 CTGACCTCATGGAGGCTTGGGAGTGTGGGAAGATTTTCTGCTGTGCGTAACCTTGCTGG 60  
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 Db 2123 CTGACCTCATGGAGGCTTGGGAGTGTGGGAAGATTTTCTGCTGTGCGTAACCTTGCTGG 2182

Qy 61 AACAGAGCTCTAACAGTACCTCTTGTTGGGAGGTTCTGTGGGGCTCATCCAGGCAA 120  
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 Db 2183 AACAGAGCTCTAACAGTACCTCTTGTTGGGAGGTTCTGTGGGGCTCATCCAGGCAA 2242

Qy 121 AGTTAGTCTGCAGAAATTAAGGAGGATTACAAGTGGGAATTTGAAGAGCTTTTGAAATCCT 180  
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 Db 2243 AGTTAGTCTGCAGAAATTAAGGAGGATTACAAGTGGGAATTTGAAGAGCTTTTGAAATCCT 2302

Qy 181 GTGGTGAGCTGTTTGATTCTTTGAATCTGGGTCAACAGGCGCTTTTCCAAGAGAAGGTCA 240  
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 Db 2303 GTGGTGAGCTGTTTGATTCTTTGAATCTGGGTCAACAGGCGCTTTTCCAAGAGAAGGTCA 2362



Qy	241	TCAAGACTTTGGATTTTTCCACACCGGGGCGCGCTGCGGCTGCTGTTGCTTTTTTGAGTT	300
Db	2363	TCAAGACTTTGGATTTTTCCACACCGGGGCGCGCTGCGGCTGCTGTTGCTTTTTTGAGTT	2422
Qy	301	TTATAAAGGATAAATGGAGCGAAGAAACCATCTGAGCGGGGGGTACCTGCTGGATTTTC	360
Db	2423	TTATAAAGGATAAATGGAGCGAAGAAACCATCTGAGCGGGGGGTACCTGCTGGATTTTC	2482
Qy	361	TGGCCATGCATCTGTGGAGAGCGGTTGTGAGACACAAGAATCGCTGCTACTGTTGTCTT	420
Db	2483	TGGCCATGCATCTGTGGAGAGCGGTTGTGAGACACAAGAATCGCTGCTACTGTTGTCTT	2542
Qy	421	CCGTCGCCCGCGGATAATACCGAGCGGAGCAGCAGCAGCAGGAGGAAGCCAGGC	480
Db	2543	CCGTCGCCCGCGGATAATACCGAGCGGAGCAGCAGCAGCAGGAGGAAGCCAGGC	2602
Qy	481	GGCGCGCGCAGGAGCAGAGCCCATGGAACCCGAGAGCGGCTTGACCTCGGGAATGAA	540
Db	2603	GGCGCGCGCAGGAGCAGAGCCCATGGAACCCGAGAGCGGCTTGACCTCGGGAATGAA	2662
Qy	541	TGTTGTACAGGTGGCTGAACCTGTATCCAGAAGTGAAGCGCATTTTGACAATTACAGAGGA	600
Db	2663	TGTTGTACAGGTGGCTGAACCTGTATCCAGAAGTGAAGCGCATTTTGACAATTACAGAGGA	2722
Qy	601	TGGGCAGGGGCTAAAGGGGGTAAAGAGGGAGCGGGGGGCTTGTGAGGCTACAGAGGAGGC	660
Db	2723	TGGGCAGGGGCTAAAGGGGGTAAAGAGGGAGCGGGGGGCTTGTGAGGCTACAGAGGAGGC	2782
Qy	661	TAGGAATCTAGCTTTTAGCTTAATGACCAGACACCGTCTGAGTGTATTACTTTTCAACA	720
Db	2783	TAGGAATCTAGCTTTTAGCTTAATGACCAGACACCGTCTGAGTGTATTACTTTTCAACA	2842
Qy	721	GATCAAGGATAATTGCGCTAATGAGCTTGATCTGCTGGCGCAGAAGTATTCATAGAGCA	780
Db	2843	GATCAAGGATAATTGCGCTAATGAGCTTGATCTGCTGGCGCAGAAGTATTCATAGAGCA	2902
Qy	781	GCTGACCACCTTACTGGCTGCAGCCAGGGGATGATTTTGAGGAGGCTATTAGGGTATATGC	840
Db	2903	GCTGACCACCTTACTGGCTGCAGCCAGGGGATGATTTTGAGGAGGCTATTAGGGTATATGC	2962
Qy	841	AAAGGTGGCACTTAGGCCAGATTGCAAGTACAAGATCAGCAAACCTGTAAATATCAGGAA	900
Db	2963	AAAGGTGGCACTTAGGCCAGATTGCAAGTACAAGATCAGCAAACCTGTAAATATCAGGAA	3022
Qy	901	TTGTTGTCATACCTTCTGGGAACGGGGCCGAGGTGGAGATAGATACGGAGGATAGGGTGGC	960
Db	3023	TTGTTGTCATACCTTCTGGGAACGGGGCCGAGGTGGAGATAGATACGGAGGATAGGGTGGC	3082
Qy	961	CTTTAGATGTAGCATGATAAATATGTGGCCGGGGTGCTTGGCATGGACGGGGTGGTTAT	1020
Db	3083	CTTTAGATGTAGCATGATAAATATGTGGCCGGGGTGCTTGGCATGGACGGGGTGGTTAT	3142
Qy	1021	TATGAATGTAAAGGTTTACTTGGCCCAATTTTAGCGGTACGGTTTTCTGGCCAATACCAA	1080
Db	3143	TATGAATGTAAAGGTTTACTTGGCCCAATTTTAGCGGTACGGTTTTCTGGCCAATACCAA	3202
Qy	1081	CCTTATCCTACACGGTGTAAGCTTCTATGGGTTTAAACAATACCTGTGTGGAAGCCTGGAC	1140
Db	3203	CCTTATCCTACACGGTGTAAGCTTCTATGGGTTTAAACAATACCTGTGTGGAAGCCTGGAC	3262



Qy	1141	CGATGTAAGGGTTCGGGGCTGTGCCCTTTTACTGCTGCTGGAAGGGGGTGGTGTGTGCGCCC	1200
Db	3263	CGATGTAAGGGTTCGGGGCTGTGCCCTTTTACTGCTGCTGGAAGGGGGTGGTGTGTGCGCCC	3322
Qy	1201	CAAAAGCAGGGCTTCAATTAAAGAAATGCCTCTTTGAAAGGTGTACCTTGGGTATCCTGTC	1260
Db	3323	CAAAAGCAGGGCTTCAATTAAAGAAATGCCTCTTTGAAAGGTGTACCTTGGGTATCCTGTC	3382
Qy	1261	TGAGGGTAACCTCCAGGGTGCGCCAACAATGTGGCCTCCGACTGTGGTGTGCTTCATGCTAGT	1320
Db	3383	TGAGGGTAACCTCCAGGGTGCGCCAACAATGTGGCCTCCGACTGTGGTGTGCTTCATGCTAGT	3442
Qy	1321	GAAAAGCGTGGCTGTGATTAAAGCATAACATGGTATGTGGCAACTGCGAGGACAGGGCCTC	1380
Db	3443	GAAAAGCGTGGCTGTGATTAAAGCATAACATGGTATGTGGCAACTGCGAGGACAGGGCCTC	3502
Qy	1381	TCAGATGCTGACCTGCTCGGACGGCAACTGTCACTGCTGAAGACCATTACGTAGCCAG	1440
Db	3503	TCAGATGCTGACCTGCTCGGACGGCAACTGTCACTGCTGAAGACCATTACGTAGCCAG	3562
Qy	1441	CCACTCTCGCAAGGCCTGGCCAGTGTGAGCATAACATACTGACCCGCTGTTCCTTGCA	1500
Db	3563	CCACTCTCGCAAGGCCTGGCCAGTGTGAGCATAACATACTGACCCGCTGTTCCTTGCA	3622
Qy	1501	TTTGGGTAAACAGGAGGGGGGTGTTCTACCTTACCAATGCAATTTGAGTCACACTAAGAT	1560
Db	3623	TTTGGGTAAACAGGAGGGGGGTGTTCTACCTTACCAATGCAATTTGAGTCACACTAAGAT	3682
Qy	1561	ATTGCTTGAGCCCGAGAGCATGTCCAAGGTGAACCTGAACGGGGTGTGACATGACCAT	1620
Db	3683	ATTGCTTGAGCCCGAGAGCATGTCCAAGGTGAACCTGAACGGGGTGTGACATGACCAT	3742
Qy	1621	GAAGATCTGGAAGGTGCTGAGGTACGATGAGACCCGCCACAGGTGCAGACCCCTGCCAGTG	1680
Db	3743	GAAGATCTGGAAGGTGCTGAGGTACGATGAGACCCGCCACAGGTGCAGACCCCTGCCAGTG	3802
Qy	1681	TGCGCGTAACATATTAGGAACCAAGCCTGTGATGCTGGATGTGACCGAGGAGCTGAGGCC	1740
Db	3803	TGCGCGTAACATATTAGGAACCAAGCCTGTGATGCTGGATGTGACCGAGGAGCTGAGGCC	3862
Qy	1741	CGATCACTTGGTGTGCTGGCCTGCACCCGCGCTGAGTTTGGCTCTAGCGATGAAGATACAGA	1800
Db	3863	CGATCACTTGGTGTGCTGGCCTGCACCCGCGCTGAGTTTGGCTCTAGCGATGAAGATACAGA	3922
Qy	1801	TTGAGGTACTGAAATGTGTGGGC	1823
Db	3923	TTGAGGTACTGAAATGTGTGGGC	3945

# SEQ ID NO:3 (IRES sequences)

RESULT 8  
AAC81948  
ID AAC81948 standard; DNA; 1616 BP.  
XX  
AC AAC81948;  
XX



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DT 28-FEB-2001 (first entry)  
XX  
DE Backbone transfer vector pSGT5 (SDM/RRE1/CM) IRES and puromycin DNA.  
XX  
KW Encapsidation; transfer vector; nephrotropic; antiparkinsonian; anti-HIV;  
KW cytostatic; gene therapy; transgenic; retroviral packaging;  
KW gene delivery; Parkinson's disease; infectious diseases; cancer; ds.  
XX  
OS Synthetic.  
XX  
PN WO200040741-A2.  
XX  
PD 13-JUL-2000.  
XX  
FF 06-JAN-2000; 2000WO-US000390.  
XX  
FR 07-JAN-1999; 99US-0115247P.  
XX  
PA (USSH ) US DEPT HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES.  
XX  
PI Arya SK;  
XX  
DR WPI; 2000-475836/41.  
XX  
PT New lentivirus transfer vector, functionally deleted for a splice donor  
PT site and comprising a packaging signal and transgene operably linked to a  
PT promoter, for improving encapsidation or transgene RNA and for gene  
PT therapy.  
XX  
PS Example 1; Page 143; 143pp; English.  
XX  
CC This invention describes a novel transfer vector derived from a  
CC lentivirus, functionally deleted for a splice donor site (SD), and  
CC comprising a packaging signal and transgene operably linked to a  
CC promoter. The products of the invention have nephrotropic,  
CC antiparkinsonian, anti-HIV, and cytostatic activity and can be used for  
CC gene therapy. Encapsidation of transgene RNA is improved using the new  
CC retroviral packaging and transfer vectors. The new transfer and packaging  
CC vectors are used as gene delivery agents and allows transfer of a  
CC transgene into the genome of non-dividing cells. They can be used to  
CC create a high-efficiency packaging cell line that provides greatly  
CC enhanced packaging of foreign DNA. Individuals suffering from a  
CC deficiency in alpha-galactosidase expression, such as Fabry disease can  
CC be treated by delivering the vectors to cells in vitro or in vivo.  
CC Parkinson's disease, infectious diseases, such as acquired  
CC immunodeficiency syndrome and cancers can be treated with the vectors.  
CC The non-infective packaging vectors can be used to detect wild-type HIV  
CC in biological samples using southern or northern blot assays. The  
CC packaging of the vector RNA is maximised, without an increase in the  
CC packaging of the viral RNA. Deletion of sequences upstream and downstream  
CC of the 5' SD region of the HIV-2 packaging vector results in suppressed  
CC encapsidation of the packaging vector genomes without critical loss of  
CC gene expression. Functional deletion of the SD site of the transfer  
CC vector results in enhanced encapsidation of the transfer vector's genome.  
CC HIV-2 packaging vector specifically and faithfully packages its own  
CC optimally constructed transfer vector and gives better quality and titre  
CC of vector than HIV-1  
XX  
SQ Sequence 1616 BP; 316 A; 521 C; 471 G; 308 T; 0 U; 0 Other;



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Query Match		100.0%;	Score 605;	DB 1;	Length 1616;				
Best Local Similarity		100.0%;							
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Qy	1	TGCATCTAGGGCGGCCAATTCCGCCCTCTCCCTCCCCCCCCCTAACGTTACTGGCCGA	60						
Db	341	TGCATCTAGGGCGGCCAATTCCGCCCTCTCCCTCCCCCCCCCTAACGTTACTGGCCGA	400						
Qy	61	AGCCGCTTGAATAAGGCCGGTGTGCGTTTGTCTATATGTGATTTCCACCATTATGCCG	120						
Db	401	AGCCGCTTGAATAAGGCCGGTGTGCGTTTGTCTATATGTGATTTCCACCATTATGCCG	460						
Qy	121	TCTTTTGGCAATGTAGGGGCCGGAACCTGGCCCTGTCTTCTTGACGAGCATTCCTAGG	180						
Db	461	TCTTTTGGCAATGTAGGGGCCGGAACCTGGCCCTGTCTTCTTGACGAGCATTCCTAGG	520						
Qy	181	GGTCTTTCCCTCTCGCCAAAGGAATGCAAGGTCTGTTGAATGTCTGTGAAGGAAGCAGTT	240						
Db	521	GGTCTTTCCCTCTCGCCAAAGGAATGCAAGGTCTGTTGAATGTCTGTGAAGGAAGCAGTT	580						
Qy	241	CCTCTGGAAGCTTCTTGAAGACAAACACGTCTGTAGCGACCCCTTTCAGGCAGCGGAAC	300						
Db	581	CCTCTGGAAGCTTCTTGAAGACAAACACGTCTGTAGCGACCCCTTTCAGGCAGCGGAAC	640						
Qy	301	CCCCACCTGGCGCAGGTGCCTCTGCGGCCAAAAGCCACGTGTATAAGATACACCTGCA	360						
Db	641	CCCCACCTGGCGCAGGTGCCTCTGCGGCCAAAAGCCACGTGTATAAGATACACCTGCA	700						
Qy	361	AAGGCGGCACAACCCAGTGCCACGTTGTGAGTTGGATAGTTGTGGAAGAGTCAATGG	420						
Db	701	AAGGCGGCACAACCCAGTGCCACGTTGTGAGTTGGATAGTTGTGGAAGAGTCAATGG	760						
Qy	421	CTCTCCTCAAGCGTATTCAACAAGGGGCTGAAGGATGCCAGAGGTACCCCATTTGTATG	480						
Db	761	CTCTCCTCAAGCGTATTCAACAAGGGGCTGAAGGATGCCAGAGGTACCCCATTTGTATG	820						
Qy	481	GGATCTGATCTGGGGCTCGGTGCACATGCTTTACATGTGTTTAGTCGAGGTTAAAAAAA	540						
Db	821	GGATCTGATCTGGGGCTCGGTGCACATGCTTTACATGTGTTTAGTCGAGGTTAAAAAAA	880						
Qy	541	CGTCTAGGCCCCCGAACACGGGGACGTGGTTTTCCTTTGAAAAACACGATGATAAGCT	600						
Db	881	CGTCTAGGCCCCCGAACACGGGGACGTGGTTTTCCTTTGAAAAACACGATGATAAGCT	940						
Qy	601	TGCCA 605							
Db	941	TGCCA 945							

## SEQ ID No:4 (hTERT promoter)

RESULT 9  
 AX003120  
 LOCUS AX003120 5126 bp DNA linear PAT 24-AUG-2000  
 DEFINITION Sequence 1 from Patent WO9933998.  
 ACCESSION AX003120  
 VERSION AX003120.1 GI:9926982  
 KEYWORDS  
 SOURCE Homo sapiens (human)



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ORGANISM	Homo sapiens
	Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Euteleostomi; Mammalia; Eutheria; Euarchontoglires; Primates; Haplorrhini; Catarrhini; Hominidae; Homo.
REFERENCE	1
AUTHORS	Wick,M. and Hagen,G.
TITLE	Regulatory dna sequences of the human catalytic telomerase sub-unit gene, diagnostic and therapeutic use thereof
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FEATURES	Location/Qualifiers
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ORIGIN	
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Db	4729 CTCGCTGGCGTCCCTGCACCTTGGGAGCGCGAGCGGCGCGGGCGGGGAAGCGCGGCC 4788
Qy	121 AGACCCCCGGGTCCGCCCGGAGCAGCTGCGCTGTCCGGGGCCAGGCCGGGCTCCCAAGTGA 180
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Qy	421 GCACGTGGGAAGCCTGGCCCCGGCCACCCCCGCG 455
Db	5089 GCACGTGGGAAGCCTGGCCCCGGCCACCCCCGCG 5123

Therefore, it would have been *prima facie* obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Morin et al., regarding the tumor cell



and tissue specificity of hTERT promoter and its transcriptional regulation in an adenovirus with the teachings of Yu et al. regarding a bicistronic E1A-IRES-E1B cassette expressed by a cell-type specific TRE (transcriptional regulatory element) to be administered intratumorally, to arrive at the claimed vector and methods for killing cancer cells. The sequences of E1A gene (SEQ ID No:1), E1B gene (SEQ ID No:2), IRES sequence (SEQ ID No:3), and hTERT promoter (SEQ ID NO:4) are well known in the art and can be obtained from the sequences disclosed by Stuart et al. (WO 2002/20754), Nemerow et al. (WO 2000/42208), Arya (WO 2000/40741), and Hagen et al. (WO 1999/33998) via PCR cloning taught by Morin et al. (See pages 12-14, Morin et al., 2000).

One having ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings of Morin et al., Yu et al. because hTERT promoter taught by Morin et al. activate transcription in specifically in tumor cells, and IRES taught by Yu et al. in an intratumorally administered adenoviral vector controlling the expression of E1A and E1B at translational level. The sequences of E1A gene (SEQ ID No:1), E1B gene (SEQ ID No:2), IRES sequence (SEQ ID No:3), and hTERT promoter (SEQ ID NO:4) were well known in the art at the time of filing of instant application by the teachings of Stuart et al. (WO 2002/20754), Nemerow et al. (WO 2000/42208), Arya (WO 2000/40741), and Hagen et al. (WO 1999/33998).

There would have been a reasonable expectation of success given (i) successful identification human TERT promoter and demonstration of hTERT promoter driven reporter gene expression at transcription level by the teachings of Morin et al., (ii) the successful construction and expression from the E1A-IRES-E1B construct, and its translational regulation of E1A and E1B expression exerted by IRES, and intratumoral administration of the adenoviral



construct, by the teachings of Yu et al., and (iii) the sequences of E1A gene (SEQ ID No:1), E1B gene (SEQ ID No:2), IRES sequence (SEQ ID No:3), and hTERT promoter (SEQ ID NO:4) obtainable from the sequences disclosed by Stuart et al. (WO 2002/20754), Nemerow et al. (WO 2000/42208), Arya (WO 2000/40741), and Hagen et al. (WO 1999/33998) via PCR cloning taught by Morin et al. (See pages 12-14, Morin et al., 2000).

Thus, the claimed invention as a whole was clearly *prima facie* obvious.

### ***Conclusion***

9. No claim is allowed.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the



currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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